

Co-Chair Senator Lesser, Co-Chair Representative Gilchrest, Vice-Chair Senator Gaston, Vice-Chair Representative Dathan, Ranking Member Senator Seminara, Ranking Member Representative Case, and Honorable Members of the Human Services Committee:

I write in opposition to H.B. 6618, AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN PERSONS RECEIVING ABORTION CARE AND RELATED SERVICES IN CONNECTICUT.

Thomas Jefferson said, "God who gave us life gave us liberty. Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are a gift of God? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, that his justice cannot sleep forever." The child in the womb is a gift of God and must be given these same liberties if we are to honestly believe and declare government is instituted to secure "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." We should be trembling at the consideration of denying these liberties to the unborn, in state and out.

We for too long have been maintaining a blind eye to the unborn man or woman forming in the womb, refusing even to accept the unequivocal fact of a human life growing day-by-day and advocating the incongruous argument, "A fetus is not a person; it's a clump of cells." I think Dr. Kathi A. Aultman, Obstetrician-gynecologist in Orange Park, Florida, said it best, "If it [is] wanted, it [is] a baby. If it [is] unwanted, it [is] a 'fetus.'" The quintessential dichotomy of pro-life vs. pro-choice.

I could argue the boilerplate points: Connecticut does not pay to save the lives of the out-of-state unborn, why should we pay to kill them?; What happens when complications occur? Does Connecticut issue a blank check on the backs of taxpayers?; Will out-of-state women incur rights to issue malpractice lawsuits in Connecticut?; Does offering "abortion care and related services" mean taxpayers will be on the hook for travel, lodging and meals?; The proposed income eligibility limit is higher than the standard Medicaid limits. How will this not increase the cost to the state and the taxpayers, knowing that treating abortion at the same higher income limit used to ensure prenatal care will be used for abortions and could thus significantly increase the number of patients?; What will be verifiable proof of eligibility to prevent fraud by the abortion providers?; How is taking action to secure federal funds not a direct violation of the Hyde Amendment? I could argue these points, but I would rather appeal to you and to your sense of humanity on what I hope is what you and I would agree is the better use of the money Governor Lamont is proposing be used for this program.

Could we not work together to teach, advocate, mentor, make believable and wanting the virtue of purity, work to raise the self-respect of every young man and woman by showing and giving them the attention and care they deserve so as to see in themselves their own inherent worth and self-esteem, and to sincerely appreciate the beauty and value to the practice of abstinence?

Abortion, the murder of innocent life, can never be the right decision. It will always be immoral and unjust. I urge you to oppose H.B. 6618, resolving to move on from here and set a precedent in our nation by becoming the first state in the union whose government made the endowment of life its mission by working to make every citizen see their unalienable worth and unbounded dignity as a child of God.

Sincerely,

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